



# Gold Medal School Criteria for Violence and Injury Prevention

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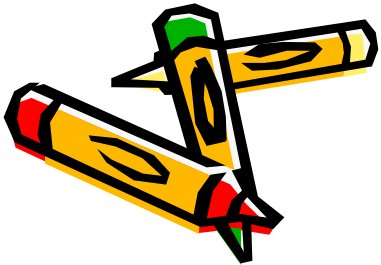
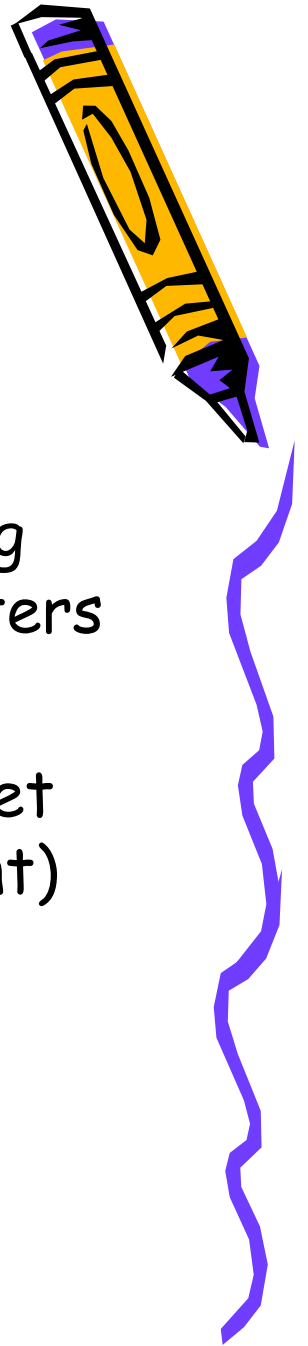
# Criteria

1. Promote helmet use for skating, biking, skateboarding and riding scooters.
2. Assure all playground areas meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards.
3. Take steps to prevent and control bullying at your school.
4. **Write a policy** making the completion and submission of Student Injury Reports (SIR) mandatory for all reportable injuries.
5. Complete another project, which the UDOH Violence and Injury Prevention Program has approved.



# Helmet Use

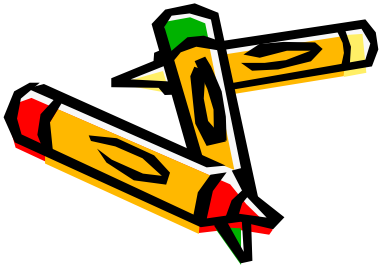
- Ideas to get you started...
  - Promote the wearing of helmets while riding bikes, skateboards, in-line skates and scooters
  - Reward students who wear helmets
  - Offer bike helmets at a discounted cost (get them through your Local Health Department) to students, teachers, and parents



# Playground Safety

Ideas to get started...

- Use Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines to assess the safety of your school's current playground equipment
- Based on the assessment, prepare a plan to repair or replace equipment and surfacing that do not meet safety standards
- Form a committee to develop playground supervision guidelines; help at <http://www.playgroundsafety.org/elementary/tips.htm>
- Train students how to safely use playground equipment; help at [http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid\\_safe/outdoor/playground.html](http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/outdoor/playground.html)



# Prevention of Bullying

Ideas to get started...

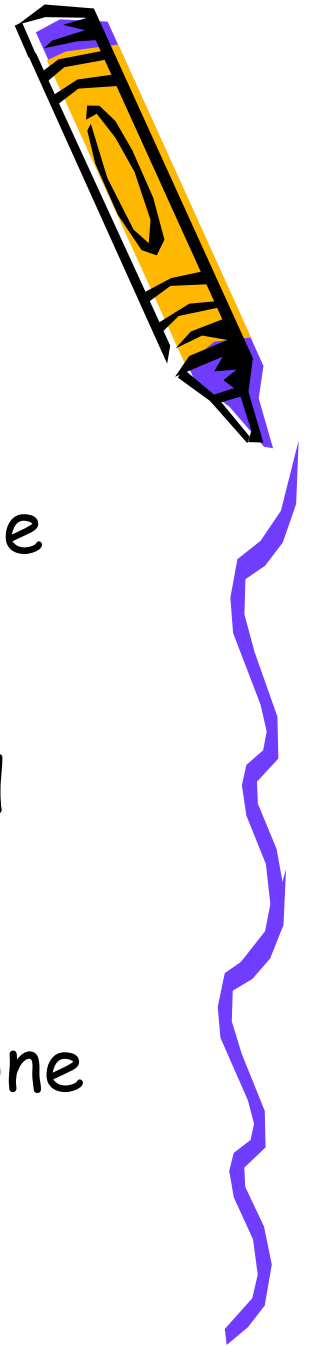
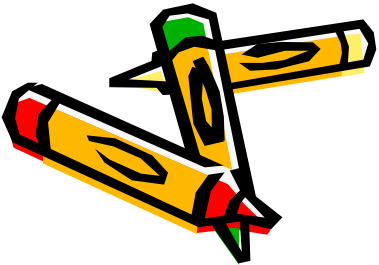
- Assess bullying at your school and the level of commitment of your staff to address bullying
- Learn about good bullying prevention programs
- If you do not have the resources or staff commitment to do a complete bullying prevention program at your school, provide other ways to address bullying
- Read all of the resource materials listed on previous page
- Implement ways to control and prevent bullying at your school



# Student Injury Reporting

Ideas to get started...

- Get SIR forms from the UDOH Violence and Injury Prevention Program (VIPPP)
- Assign one or two staff members to oversee that your school completes and submits the forms
- Review the school's current policy
- Write a policy or improve the current one



# Other

- Complete another project approved by the Violence and Injury Prevention Program.

<http://www.health.utah.gov/vipp>

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